

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 4  
SECOND QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES  
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette  
St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 4 during second quarter 2003 was 243,501, an increase of 1.7% from the first quarter 2003, and a decrease of 0.3% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 16 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 21.0% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2003, first quarter 2003 second quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 40. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 4 with 32,520 employees, or 13.4% of total employment. Lafayette was the leading parish with 119,402 employees, or 49.0% of total employment.

Total wages increased 2.4% from the same period in 2002, and increased 1.2% from the first quarter 2003, for an average weekly wage of \$569.22. St. Mary parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$626.29.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 4 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 4" beginning on page 43.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Acadia	\$ 440.41
Evangeline	446.14
Iberia	568.44
Lafayette	615.42
St. Landry	472.54
St. Martin	407.04
St. Mary	626.29
Vermilion	538.43

The number of reporting units in RLMA 4 for second quarter 2003 was 16,272.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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